

**NOTICE OF FUND AVAILABILITY
CHARLOTTE COUNTY
STATE HOUSING INITIATIVES PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM**

Public notice pursuant to Section 67-37.005(6) Florida Administrative Code is hereby provided concerning the availability of funds in Charlotte County, Florida for the purpose of increasing and preserving affordable housing for lower income households. The purpose of this notice is to notify the public of the availability of funding for strategies within the Charlotte County Local Housing Assistance Plan (LHAP). It also identifies the application period and selection criteria for each strategy. For the state fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015 and ending June 30, 2016, the County has available funds in the amount of \$808,578.00. **\$722,626.00 for the unincorporated areas of Charlotte County and \$85,952.00 to be used within the Punta Gorda City limits.**

From this allocation, the following strategies will be funded:

**Rehabilitation of Owner-Occupied Housing
Down Payment Assistance**

Funds are available for homeowners earning up to 80 percent of Area Median Income. There are some additional restriction and requirements of the use of these funds.

Of the funding provided in this section, a minimum of **20 percent of the allocation to serve persons with special needs as defined in s. 420.0004, Florida Statutes.** The first priority of these special needs funds must be to use them for persons with developmental disabilities as defined in s. **393.063, Florida Statutes, with an emphasis on home modifications, including technological enhancements and devices, which will allow homeowners to remain independent in their own homes and maintain their homeownership.**

Applications for these funds will be accepted beginning 30 days from the date of this publication through November 30, 2015 or until committed funds are exhausted. Potential applicants are encouraged to call the Housing Division prior to application completion for an initial determination of eligibility. After this determination an appointment will be set for the application review and completion. Applications for all of these programs can be obtained at:

Charlotte County Human Services
Housing Division
1050 Loveland Blvd.
Port Charlotte, Florida 33980

Additional information about eligibility requirements and maximum income requirements can be found on the County's web site at www.charlottecountyfl.gov. Go to Human Services Department and then click on Housing Services. Information can also be obtained by calling the Housing Division at 941.833.6503 or e-mail to robert.hebert@charlottecountyfl.gov.

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